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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-21  
April 6, 2015****LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY OFFICE****PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

APPLICANT: Gardiner Park County Water and Sewer District  
P.O. Box 45  
Gardiner, MT 59030

FACILITY NAME: Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 17 Airport Road  
Gardiner, MT 59030  
Park County

RECEIVING WATER: Yellowstone River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022705

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to renew the Gardiner Park County Water and Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Facility (Gardiner WWTF) Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit. The permit was first issued in 1995, and the current permit expired on July 31, 2012. The Gardiner WWTF is a publicly owned wastewater treatment facility located in Gardiner, MT. The facility consists of two aerated lagoons, two polishing ponds, and four rapid infiltration ponds. The facility design flow is 0.469 million gallons per day (mgd) and effluent is discharged to the Yellowstone River via two outfalls (Outfalls 001 and 002). Gardiner wishes to renew its discharge permit, and the proposed permit will continue to apply limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), pH, and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of

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discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 5, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 5, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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